PRESENT—*cont.*

Sesha Reddi, Mr. B. P.
Shetty, Mr. A. B.
Singam Ayyangar, Mr. K.
Siva Raj, Mr. N.
Sivasubrahmanya Ayyar, Mr. K. S.
Soundara Pandian, Mr. W. P. A.
Sreshta, Mr. M. S.
Srinivasa Ayyangar, Mr. T. C.
Sriramulu, Mr. G.
Subrahmanyam Chetti, Rao Sahib P.
Subrahmanya Bhatt, Mr. U. C.
Sundara Rao Nayudu, Mr. T.
Syed Tajudin Sahib Bahadur, Khan Sahib.
Thomas, Mr. Daniel.
Thorne, C.I.E., I.C.S., Mr. J. A.
Tottenham, I.C.S., Mr. G. R. F.
Vasudeva Pillai, Mr. V. G.
Vedachala Mudaliyar, Mr. M.
Venkatarama Ayyar, Mr. K. R.
Venkataramayya, Rao Sahib Badeti.
Venugopal Nayudu, Rao Bahadur R. K.
Winter, Mr. W. E.
Yahya Ali Sahib Bahadur, Khan Bahadur.
Yakub Hasan Sahib Bahadur.
Zamindar of Kirlampudi, The
Zamindar of Mirzapuram, The

I.—SWEARING IN OF A MEMBER.

Mr. J. A. Thorne made the prescribed oath or affirmation of allegiance to the Crown and took his seat.

II.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Education

Non-observance of the three years' rule in the case of the Personal Assistant to the Director of Public Instruction and the Deputy Director of Public Instruction.

*346 *Q.*—Mr. K. R. Venkatarama Ayyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state what special reasons have constrained the Government to continue the present Personal Assistant to the Director of Public Instruction and the present Deputy Director of Public Instruction (personnel) in their posts for a period longer than the usual three years' period?

A.—No rule has been laid down fixing a definite period for the tenure of the offices of Deputy Directors and Personal Assistant.

Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar:—" May I know whether Government will consider the desirability of making transfers of these officers in view of the fact that they have remained in these posts too long, where naturally they may have their own likes and dislikes so far as the establishment is concerned ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" Yes, Sir, I shall consider that. "

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—" May I know whether it is not a fact that such a policy is being followed in other departments of Government in the City of Madras ? "

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The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" Certain posts have been classified as tenure posts, the incumbents of which ought not to remain in those posts for more than three years. These posts have not been classified as such."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—" May I know whether these officers will be classified as such ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" That question was once considered by the Government and dropped. "

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" In view of the answer that has just been given, may I know if the hon. the Minister will consider again the desirability of bringing these posts also under tenure posts ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" I have already said that I would consider the desirability of transferring these officers. This is a new question; and I shall consider this also. "

Need for the abolition of the post of the Deputy Directress.

* 347 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. RANGASWAMI REDDI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is a post of Deputy Directress in the office of the Director of Public Instruction, Madras;

(*b*) what is the approximate annual expenditure incurred by retaining this post by way of—(1) pay, (2) special pay, (3) overseas pay, (4) local allowance, (5) travelling allowance and (6) other allowances, if any;

(*c*) whether a similar post exists in any of the other major provinces of India;

(*d*) what will be the annual saving that will be effected by abolishing this post; and

(*e*) whether there is any proposal to abolish this post in connexion with the proposals for the retrenchment of public expenditure?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The post is held by an officer of the I.E.S. Women's branch. The present incumbent draws Rs. 625 a month in the scale of pay of the ordinary grade of the service, Rs. 400—25—850 with an overseas pay of Rs. 100 a month. She is also granted a special pay of Rs. 100 and house-rent allowance of Rs. 100 a month.

The amount spent on the travelling allowance of the Deputy Directress from July 1930 to June 1931 was Rs. 847.

(*c*) Similar posts exist in Bihar and Orissa and in the Punjab.

(*d*) The eventual saving will be the expenditure referred to in the answer to clause (*b*).

(*e*) The retrenchment proposals in the Education Department are still under the consideration of the Retrenchment Committee and the recommendations of the Committee have not been received by the Government yet.